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Lucy Adams, WA4BVH, Silent Key



Lucy Adams, WA4BVH, SK, BARC Life Member, Lucy Adams, WA4BVH, passed away September 26, 2012. She was 88. Her son is BARC member Murray Adams, WA4DAN. Her husband, Heber, W4GDF, passed away in December, 2010. He was also a Life Member of BARC. BARC members extend their condolences to her family.

The funeral service was conducted September 29

in the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel. Entombment followed in the mausoleum at Pinewood Memorial Park.

Mrs. Adams, a native of Greene County, was a graduate of The Maury School. She attended both Pitt Community College and East Carolina University, and worked at Carolina Telephone and Telegraph as an operator and service assistant. She was a charter member of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church and taught Sunday School for a number of years.

Mrs. Adams was actively involved in both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, receiving the Silver Beaver Award, Wood Badge Achievement and the Pitt District Award of Merit. She was an amateur radio operator (WA4BVH) and a lifetime member of the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Heber Adams in 2010.

She is survived by her sons, Howard Adams and wife, Melissa, of Winterville, and Murray Adams and wife, Cindy, of Farmville; grandsons, Wesley Adams, of Southport and Eric Adams of Winterville; granddaughters, Courtney "Trish" Adams, of Washington, Tiffany Adams, Stephanie Adams, and Heather Adams, all of Hickory, Julianna Adams, Madison Adams, Aubri Adams, and Lulea Adams all of Winterville; and great-grandchildren, Maggie Faith Adams and Molly Grace Adams, both of Southport, Lane Brooks, Nathan Soots, and William Soots, all of Hickory; brother, Frank Johnson, of Greenville; and sisters, Lena Evans, of Greenville and Gladys J. Morris, of China Grove.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, 100 Golden Road, Greenville, NC 27858 or to the East Carolina Council Boy Scouts of America, 313 Boy Scout Boulevard, Kinston, NC 28501.

Some of the above from Wilkerson Funeral Home.

http://www.wilkersonfuneralhome.com/new_view.php?id=102659

Next Meeting October 9, 2012

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be two short ARRL videos from 1970, "This is Ham Radio" and 1973, "Moving up to Amateur Radio" produced by Dave Bell, W6AQ, with his comments. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be October 30 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. All members invited.

W4YDY licensed 60 years

Once upon a time, there was a young boy in high school that wanted a ham radio license but the only ham he knew was his cousin 150 miles away. Listening to the hams on an old Philco floor model radio that went up to 18 mc helped maintain interest! After studying the code and trying to figure out the license manual for a couple of years, he finally passed the Novice and Technician exams and WN4YDY and W4YDY was effective October 7, 1952.



Scan of billfold worn original license

Electronic help was also received from a local radio and small appliance repair guy that had a little shop on Main street. He became interested and received W4EYZ in 1954. To make a long story short, that's it! Maybe later!

A great lady, WA4BVH, SK



I only knew Lucy Adams well for the last few years. My first job in TV was at WNCT where her husband, Heber, **W4GDF**, was Assistant Chief Engineer in 1954. I visited them after I moved back to Greenville after I retired. Later, I visited them when they moved to Golden Living and took Ham Chatter to them. After Heber passed away in 2010, I took the newsletter to Lucy as often as I was able when time permitted. She always wanted me to stay and talk about the hams and others she knew in Greenville and it was always interesting. The day I went to Golden Living last December for 2 weeks of rehab, she came over to my room and visited for an hour. My wife, Anne, and I went to see her a few times before I left. I enjoyed listening to Lucy and Anne talking. Lucy told us about when her son Murray, **WA4DAN**, was a young boy overcoming his fear of heights by climbing the tower in the back yard as she watched through the kitchen window. He would climb a few feet up and then back down. Each time he would go a little higher. Now he works on the tall TV towers! She made it a very entertaining story. Lucy was proud of being a Life Member of the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club and always looked forward to reading *Ham Chatter*. Those that did not know Lucy missed knowing a great lady. - *W4YDY*

ARRL Book Editor Becky Schoenfeld, **W1BXY**, has been promoted to QST Managing Editor, the position formerly held by the late Joel Kleinman, **N1BKE**.

A Connecticut native, Schoenfeld has more than two decades of publishing experience. Prior to her employment at ARRL Headquarters she was Senior Editor at Teaching K-8 magazine, one of the most popular magazines for childhood educators, and Senior Project Editor for the prominent textbook publisher MacMillan/McGraw-Hill. In addition, she founded Amaranth magazine, a successful poetry journal. She holds a Master of Fine Arts from Emerson College and a Bachelor of Arts from Fairfield University.

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Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held **Tuesday, October 16** at the VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road and will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, 756-3734. bertrandf@ecu.edu. Please bring the following **required**:

- ◆ **Photo ID** (drivers license)
- ◆ **Original** Amateur Radio License
- ◆ **Copy** of Amateur Radio License
- ◆ **Original** CSCE's
- ◆ **Copy** of CSCE
- ◆ Test fee is \$15.00 .
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.
- ◆ SS Number will be needed if you don't have an FRN number.

Go to <http://www.w4amc.com/barcinfo.html#VE> for more information.

NC ARES Internet

<http://www.ncarrl.org/ares/>

Pitt County ARES

<http://www.pittares.com/>



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Happy Birthday

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays in **October**.

5	K4PST	Juan Terrasa
27	N4TSS	Tim Snyder
28	K4BMH	Byron Highland
31	K4ZYD	Terry Monday

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

Tom Parsons, W4TEP

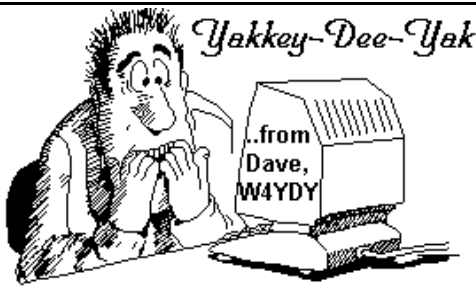
Phyllis Nobles, wife of Bernie, WA4MOK



Please let me know of any additions or corrections. - *W4YDY*

Please inform John McCoy, **K4KBB**, k4kbb@earthlink.net of any changes.

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This is a true story of some of the trials and tribulations of the 1955 beginning of WITN, Channel 7, Washington, NC. At the time, the only station in Eastern North Carolina was WNCT-TV. Most of the story is on the WITN history page at <http://www.witn.com/station/misc/27442154.html>. There are some additions about Amateur Radio to the story in Ham Chatter. It will be in several chapters in Ham Chatter over the next few months. The first chapter was in the September 2012 issue. Do to space requirements, it may not be in continuous months. - W4YDY

How WITN-TV went on the air in 1955 by W4YDY Chapter 2

The next morning on Saturday, we went back to the old WXII-TV transmitter site and loaded the transmitter on the truck. We arrived back in Washington that afternoon and I picked up my car at Harvey's house and headed to Grifton. I picked up a sandwich at a service station in Chocowinity (no such thing as Hardee's back then) to eat along the way as it was close to 6 PM. When I got to Grifton, the truck from Winston-Salem had arrived and was being unloaded. Max Jordan, from Vanceboro, had just started with the station. Ed, Max and I were the transmitter staff. A GE engineer was there for assistance with the installation.

Less than an hour later, a truck arrived from Los Angeles. It had the used GE TV transmitter 20 KW amplifiers that came from KABC-TV, Channel 7. The equipment was unloaded and we started connecting the wiring harness to the transmitter. The harness was in trenches under the transmitter. We all worked until about 11 PM. We were scheduled to go on the air on September 26, just eight days away. It

was going to be 16 hour days to get it done. The antenna crew had not completed the tower installation and had just lifted the antenna to the top of the tower. The 4½ ton gin pole was still at the top with an extra set of guy wires for extra safety.

I went to my home in Aurora and arrived about 12 Midnight. I had to get my suitcase and other items to move to a room in Grifton since I was going to be assigned to the transmitter facility. I had planned to go back Sunday morning. BUT, guess what! Hurricane Ione paid a visit and all day Sunday and early Monday it came through the area. I figured that I couldn't get to Grifton on Sunday, but I also woke up that morning with food poisoning. That sandwich that I picked up at the Chocowinity service station was the problem.

I was okay Monday morning and after the hurricane passed I headed to Grifton and arrived about the middle of the day. When I arrived at the transmitter site, there were several men standing in front of the building about 300 feet away. That was as close as anyone could get. The building looked like it was in the middle of a lake with about 2 feet of water on the floor and the entire transmitter wiring harness in the trench that we had installed Saturday night under the transmitter was under water. Hurricane Ione had brought 10 to 15 inches of rain to the Grifton area. The tower crew supervisor said he sat in his truck during the hurricane and watched the tower to see if it would fall. He said with the 90 MPH wind gusts, the tower looked like a snake wiggling up and down. He thought sure it would fall with that 4½ ton gin pole still at the top of the tower. He said the only reason it didn't fall was because of the extra set of guy wires on the gin pole.

On Tuesday morning, the water had gone down and we were able to get back into the building. First we had to bail water out of the wiring trenches under the transmitter and then big floor fans were brought in to blow in the cabinets and trenches to dry the wiring and transmitter. We also started installing the associated equipment and the tower crew was finishing up the tower and painting it.

A couple of days later, I was sitting on a short stool working in the back of a transmitter cabinet and all of a sudden, there was a big bang over my head and the roof and building shook. We ran outside to see what had happened and if someone had fallen off the tower. A tower crewman had dropped a gallon of unopened white paint from about 200 feet above the building and it hit the roof on the side of the can. We went on top of the building to check for damage. You couldn't tell which was the top or bottom because it had blown out both ends of the can and the flatten can looked like a car had run over it. White paint had splattered about 20 feet on both sides of the can. It's a good thing the building had a concrete roof or someone inside could have been hurt. Me!



Behind the building were 2 microwave dishes. The one on the white building is the studio feed and the other is the Telco feed for the NBC programs. Relay dishes are not allowed to point up now due to satellites. There was only one satellite in 1955, the moon! The first man made satellite was launched 2 years later, October 4, 1957.

One of the pieces of equipment installed was a microwave that carried the local programs from the studio to the transmitter site. To save network delivery charges, management had the telephone company send the NBC feed directly to the transmitter site since it took one less microwave hop and it was cheaper. The transmitter engineer on duty would follow the same program schedule and switch between the studio and NBC. He had to monitor the network and cut back for local programs and commercials. The problem was when the local microwave was installed we could not get a signal from Chocowinity.

Chapter 3 on next page.

How WITN-TV went on the air in 1955 by W4YDY

Chapter 3

On Monday, September 26, WITN was supposed to go on the air and broadcast the first World Series broadcast in color from NBC starting Wednesday. We had the wiring mostly completed, but still had not applied power to the transmitter. We were giving it as much time as possible to dry from the flood a week earlier. Finally on Monday, the GE Engineer applied power to the transmitter and the fans came on and the tubes were glowing. Then he started making measurements and adjustments to retune the transmitters to Channel 7. It had to be moved down from Channel 12, the Winston Salem channel. The amplifiers were just a touchup since they have been used on Channel 7 in Los Angeles. After running a few hours, he tried to put the visual transmitter on the air. But there were problems and it did not work. Troubleshooting began that lasted until late the next day.

amplifier and the filaments were lit. I notified the GE engineer and he said that couldn't happen because the fans were off. The 2 amplifier tubes were 6166's and they will run about 10,000 watts each and cost \$920 each in 1955. You can get one today for about \$3000. The tubes are about 10 inches tall, about 7 or 8 inches in diameter and heavy. The plate voltage is 10,000 volts and the filament is lit with 5 volts at 168 amps. The GE engineer immediately shut the filaments off. Checking inside the back of the cabinet, the 2 tubes had been so hot that they melted the solder from the tubes down into the cavity. Now to figure out why the tubes were lit and the cooling fan was off. The problem



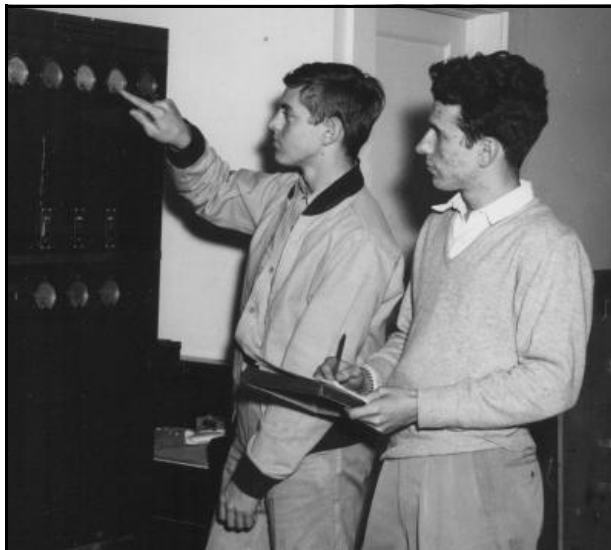
RCA 6166

ran about 30 KW ERP without the amplifier on the aural instead of the required 158 KW ERP. No one could tell the difference and years later the FCC dropped the aural requirements to 10 percent of the visual. WITN visual power was 316 KW ERP.

On Tuesday, we had visitors from the competing TV station to see how we were doing. We had already missed the Monday sign on and the World Series was closing in on us. Everyone was still working on getting the visual on the air. The GE Engineer said the aural transmitter would be no problem. Late on Tuesday afternoon, we were told that NBC had been told that we would not be able to get on the air in time for the World Series. We were told that if we did not get on the air by midnight, that the other station would get the Series because it had offered to run the World Series free of charge.

Bill Roberson, manager of the station, and a couple of other station executives were at the transmitter site with us anxiously waiting to see if we could get on the air by midnight. Finally, the GE Engineer got the visual on the air several minutes after 11 PM. He said the aural would be no problem. He said NBC just said we had to be able to get the transmitter on the air by midnight. Since we only had a picture from NBC via the telephone company microwave and not the studio, we used the network and had it turned to black. We needed a picture so about 11:30 PM, I was told to put the NBC picture on the air. I faded in the video of Steve Allen Show (later it was the Parr, Carson and Leno shows). Someone said we needed a signal report from the outside. I made an offer and called my Dad, (Bill) W. W. Langley, about 11:40 PM in Aurora. He was awakened and I told him to turn on the TV and tune to Channel 7. He reported that it was a very clear picture of someone talking (Steve Allen) but it did not have any sound. I told him that we didn't have sound but would get it on tomorrow morning before the World Series started. NBC was notified that we had a picture on the air. They said that we could carry the World Series starting at 11:30 AM the next day on Wednesday, September 28.

To be continued



A younger W4YDY and Bill Covington, W4TES, a year earlier in 1954 at Gaston Technical Institute

A not so funny thing happened on Monday with the aural amplifier from KABC. When the transmitter filaments were turned on for the first time, the fans for the visual transmitter tubes came up but the aural fans did not. The GE engineer said he would turn them on later and apply filament power later. A little later, I notice that the filament breaker was on but the fans were not. A relay would keep the filaments off if there was not air pressure. I looked in the front window of the aural

would probably be 10 times that. There was a big discussion (argument) who would pay for the parts and repairs. WITN management said it was GE's responsibility because their engineer was still in charge of getting the equipment on the air. GE said WITN engineers should have unpacked the equipment properly. After several days of 'discussions', GE agreed to pay for the parts and repairs. The new cavity came in about 2 weeks later and was installed. For the first two weeks, we only

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NOTE: Commercial rates on page 7.




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BARC Meeting Minutes - September 2012

BARC Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11, 2012

Call to Order: 7:43 pm

President Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, opened the meeting.

There were 16 persons present as recorded in the sign in book.

Pledge of Allegiance: was recited by the club at large.

Visitors: Danny Garris, **KJ4FM**, from New Bern; Camilla Dawson, from Washington.

Minutes: The minutes from the August Board Meeting were approved as published in Ham Chatter.

Secretary's Report: Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**, had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, gave the report. Further information regarding the Treasurer's Report is available to members upon request.

Equipment: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, had nothing to report. A new equipment manager is needed. Please contact Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, if you are willing to take on this important position.

VE: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported that the next VE session is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16 at 6.30 pm at the VFW Lodge. Further information can be found on the BARC website.

Health and Welfare: Our well wishes continue to be extended for the recovery of Phyllis, wife of Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK**, and the wife of Stan Barney, **KJ4GDR**.

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, had nothing to report.

Publicity: Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that club meetings

and upcoming VE sessions are reported in Sunday editions of the Daily Reflector.

Pitt County ARES: Bill Dawson, **WA4SLC**, had nothing to report.

Public Service: Nothing to report.

Future Programs: Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, reported that the October program will be presented by Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that nominations for BARC 2013 officers are reported on page 2 of September 2012 Ham Chatter. No other nominations were issued during the present meeting. Elections will be held in November, as will peer award selections.

Announcements: Maysville Hamfest is October 14, as reported by Byron Highland, **K4BMH**.

Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, reported that hams might be interested to google Ham Nation, which is on TWiT.TV, live on Wednesdays. The schedule can be found online. There is a net after the show on 40 and 20 meters.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Paul Fletcher, **KS4YF**.

Program: A program about his Buddipole experiences was presented by Peter Van Houten, **KG4WEZ**.

Adjournment: 8:44 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS

BARC Board Minutes - September 2012

BARC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25, 2012

Call to Order: 7:28 pm

Members Present: John McCoy, **K4KBB**; Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**; Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**; Dave Langley, **W4YDY**; Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**; Thomas Styron, **KB7L**.

Minutes: The Board Meeting minutes published in the September Ham Chatter were approved as published.

Secretary's Report: Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**, had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, gave the report. Further information regarding the Treasurer's Report is available to members upon request.

VE: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported that the next VE session is October 16 at the VFW Lodge at 6:30 pm.

Equipment: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported that a new Equipment Manager is needed! Please contact Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, if you are willing to do this.

Health and Welfare: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, reported that Well



Wishes are as published in the Ham Chatter.

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, had nothing to report.

Publicity: Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that announcements for upcoming club meetings and VE sessions are posted in the Daily Reflector.

Pitt County ARES: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, had nothing to report.

Future Programs: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, will be presenting the October club program on getting youth and CBer's interested in

amateur radio, and highlights from our 2012 Field Day.

New Members: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported no new members were presented for approval.

Old Business: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, had nothing to report.

New Business: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, had nothing to report.

Announcements: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that October 14 is Maysville Hamfest.

Adjournment: 7:57 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS

Sable Island CY0 DXpedition October 8-17

"Planning continues for the October 8-17 DXpedition to Sable Island CY0. Half of our gear is in storage at the Maritime Air Charter facility in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We are in the process of shipping the remaining gear. We have booked our flights to Halifax. All remains on schedule for the CY0 operation to begin around 2300Z on October 8th. As always, weather and flying conditions will dictate the actual schedule. The aircraft has to land on the beach as there is no "runway" on the island.

This operation will be highly focused on 10,12 and 15 meters where the most demand for CY0 exists. We continue to discuss antenna options due to the restrictive environment we will be operating under.

Ron and Murray will begin loading the Britten-Norman aircraft late in the afternoon on October 7th. All gear must be weighed as we have a 1400-pound weight limitation, including our body weights. We will then watch the weather very closely. On Monday morning, October 8th, Maritime Air and the OIC on Sable have scheduled a 1200Z call to determine if a flight is GO/NO GO. More updates to follow...."

BARC member Murray Adams, **WA4DAN/CY0** and Ron Oates, **AA4VK/CY0**
 CY0 NEWS RELEASE - 5 September 2012 <http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/>

Sean Smith, KG4WSS, Killed in Consulate Attack



Sean P. Smith, KG4WSS, of Falls Church, Virginia, was killed when the US Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, was attacked on September 11. He was 34. Smith was one of four Americans, including Chris Stevens -- the US Ambassador to Libya -- who was killed in the attack.

Smith -- a native of San Diego -- enlisted in the Air Force in 1995 at age 17. He served six years as a ground radio maintenance specialist, including a deployment to Oman, before leaving the service in 2002 as a staff sergeant. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. Smith, who had worked at the State Department for 10 years, was in Libya on a temporary assignment when he was killed; Before his temporary assignment to Benghazi, Smith served for the State Department in Brussels, Baghdad, Pretoria, Montreal and The Hague.

"Sean was a friend of mine, and while he was not a very active operator he was an extremely skilled electronic technician," James Kirkham, W4HFK, told the ARRL. "He was instrumental in getting me back into the hobby after a 10 year hiatus."

Smith was well known in the online gaming community as an avid participant of the space fantasy game EVE Online, where he was known as "Vile Rat," one of the leaders of a gamers' alliance and renowned for his diplomatic skill in the multi-player space warfare simulation.

"If you play this stupid game, you may not realize it, but you play in a galaxy created in large part by Vile Rat's talent as a diplomat," said Smith's friend Alex Gianturco, in a tribute posted on his website. No one focused as relentlessly on using diplomacy as a strategic tool as VR." Gianturco wrote that Smith had been under fire before, when he was posted to Baghdad. When that occurred, he usually broke off his messaging. "We'd freak out and he'd come back okay after a bit," Gianturco wrote. "But Tuesday night, after reporting 'GUNFIRE,' he disconnected and never returned." A few hours earlier that evening, Smith posted the following: "assuming we don't die tonight. We saw one of our 'police' that guard the compound taking pictures."

Smith is survived by his wife, Heather, and two young children, Samantha and Nathan. "They will grow up being proud of the service their father gave to our country, service that took him from Pretoria to Baghdad, and finally to Benghazi," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a statement. - *Thanks to The Washington Post, CNN, the US Air Force, Bill Cross, W3TN, and James Kirkham, W4HFK, for the information - via ARRL.COM*

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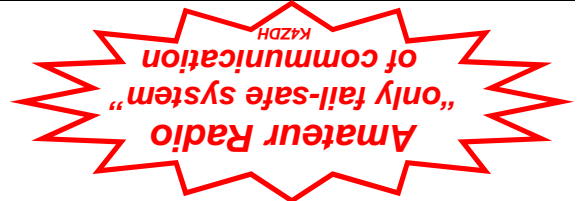
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Oct 9	Regular Meeting	Dec 26 (Wed)	Board Meeting
Oct 14	Maysville Hamfest	Dec 29	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Oct 16	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY	Jan 1	ARRL Straight Key Night
Oct 27/28	CQ WW SSB DX Contest	Jan 5/6	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Oct 30	Board Meeting	Jan 8	Regular Meeting
Nov 3	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Jan 25/27	CQ WW CW 160M Contest
Nov 3/4	ARRL CW Sweepstakes	Jan 29	Board Meeting
Nov 13	Regular Meeting	Feb 2	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Nov 17/18	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes	Feb 9/10	CQ WPX RTTY Contest
Nov 18	Benson Hamfest	Feb 12	Regular Meeting
Nov 27	Board Meeting	Feb 16/17	ARRL CW DX Contest
Dec 1	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Feb 19	*BARC VE Session – TUESDAY
Dec 1/2	ARRL 160 Meter Contest		*Tentative
Dec 8	ARRL 10 Meter Contest		
Dec 11	BARC Christmas Party		
Dec 18	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY		

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